

VILLA MEANS TO ATTACK TROOPS OF CALLES; IS CLOSE TO BORDER

Northern Chieftain Says He Will Not Take Presence of U. S. Soldiers at Douglas Into Consideration.

WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF CARRANZA'S FORCES

Battle for Agua Prieta Now Merely Matter of Hours, as Convention Army Is Within 31-2 Miles of Garrison.

GENERAL VILLA READY TO FIGHT UNITED STATES

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 31.—(Gen. Francisco Villa) has been moving his troops into position tonight for an attack on Agua Prieta, Sonora, opposite here, regardless of any consequences to the United States. "If necessary, I will fight the United States army," he asserted, "along the border." He asserted after hearing this afternoon for the first time the American government had given permission for Carranza to transport troops from Toluca and Aguila, Pinar del Rio, to reinforce the garrison at Agua Prieta.

Four of these troop trains arrived tonight, bringing the total fighting men of the garrison, commanded by Gen. P. Elias, to approximately 4,000 men.

By morning journals special leased wire. Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 31.—Villa troops, including Sonora, arrived today within striking distance of Agua Prieta, opposite here, and the expected attack against the Carranza garrison apparently was a matter of hours.

Advance Is Systematic. The main body of Villa's soldiers formed a junction with their advance forces at the Gallardo ranch about eleven miles south of Agua Prieta. The attacking army then started forward for the final advance on the Carranza defenses.

Colonel Plutarco Diaz, commanding approximately 1,500 cavalry, preceded the remainder of the invaders, who had been held back for some time by the range of the arms of General P. Elias calling the Carranza command at Agua Prieta.

Movements Carefully Observed. Brigadier General Thomas F. Dwyer, in command of the United States troops stationed north of the Mexican line, made a careful report of his men and their positions. He also kept a close watch of the Mexican military movements through field glasses, which plainly brought out details of the rapidly advancing column.

Spectators Get Sensation

Thousands of spectators witnessed the afternoon the first shooting incident of the attack, when a horseman, believed to have been a Calles spy, suddenly broke away from the Villa column and raced for his life amid a shower of bullets from the Carranza soldiers.

In pursuit of the man, shooting rapidly as they urged their horses forward, but the supposed spy reached Agua Prieta, apparently unharmed.

Villa Claims 18,000 Men

Villa, according to reliable estimates, has 18,000 men. He claims to have 18,000. The little may begin at any moment—perhaps tonight or probably tomorrow.

That it will be quickly as possible, is the general opinion here, based on the condition of his men, the number of whom were thirty tonight, in positions miles from water and all with small supplies of food, according to Villa's own testimony and reports of three Mexican ranchers who arrived across the border tonight, stripped of everything they possessed.

Border Closely Guarded. The border line was closed tonight, but arrangements were made by United States immigration authorities to admit under guard thousands of more or less doubtful refugees from Agua Prieta, whose number was augmented by women and children camp followers with the Carranza contingents arriving over American territory from Toluca.

Laden With War Machines

Three thousand other troops mounted and armed, and driving back animals apparently loaded with machine guns or mounted cannons, were tonight at a point four miles east of Douglas and about the same distance south of the international boundary.

Camp fires were visible tonight, both from Douglas and from the east trenches of the Calles stronghold, which were filled with riflemen, machine gunners and gunners, manning field batteries.

The main force of Villa's army was sent at the Gallardo ranch, twelve miles east, this afternoon, but it was expected that Villa, following his fa-

THE WEATHER

WEATHER FORECAST.

Denver, Oct. 31.—New Mexico, Monday and Tuesday fair, cooler, southeast breeze.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

For twenty-four hours ending at 6 p. m. yesterday:

Maximum temperature, 77 degrees; minimum, 55 degrees; range, 22 degrees; wind, variable, light to moderate; clouds, light to moderate; precipitation, none.

Villa Is in Rage.

Villa himself was with his cavalry, forming a flank guard, which passed along the border today. It was during this march that he learned that Carranza reinforcements had been transported over American territory, and launched a verbal attack on the United States which he declared would turn into a physical attack if necessary.

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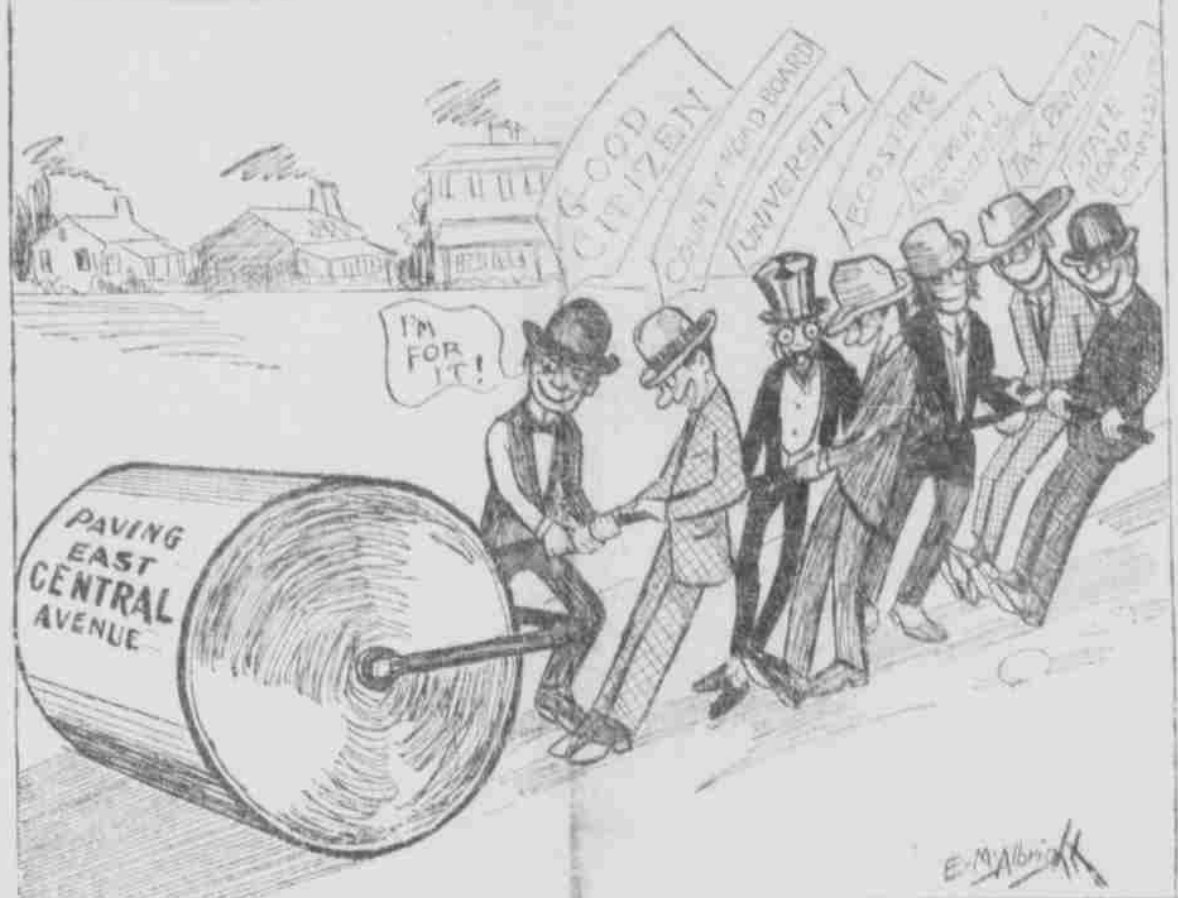
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Now for the Road to New Mexico University!



GERMANS AND BULGARS SHOULD REACH NISH IN ABOUT 2 WEEKS

Journal Reproduces, Expert Opinion Secured From High American Army Officer on Latest Phase of the War.

POWERFUL ALLIED FORCE NEEDED TO STEM TIDE

Invasion of Egypt and Attack on Suez Canal Not Regarded Probable; Mountainous Country Is Strong Defense.

POSTMASTER OF PHOENIX, ARIZ., BURNED TO DEATH

C. B. Wood, Active in Democratic Politics, Loses Life, Through Explosion of Lamp, While at Country Home.

SHOW INGRATITUDE TO THEIR GOVERNMENT

Washington, Oct. 31.—Nearly 1,500 names appear on a list issued by the Treasury department tonight of persons who have failed to repay money advanced them by the United States government when they were stranded in Europe at the outbreak of the war.

SHILL FROM TURK GUN HITS ALLIES' TRANSPORT

Constantinople, Oct. 31 (via London, 7 p. m.)—A shell from a Turkish gun struck one of the transports of the allied allies of the Gallipoli peninsula and apparently set on fire, according to the Turkish official statement issued by the war office today.

Nish Objective in Serbia

Should Greece decide to enter the war on the side of the allies the situation would be improved for the French army who would have to travel overland to bring the Bulgarians held the railroad south of Nish. So far as Serbia is concerned, Nish unquestionably is the main objective of the Austro-Germans. Nish is further from Belgrade than from Beograd, and the Austro-Germans have made considerable progress down the Morava valley.

ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET SHELLS BULGAR COAST

30,561 REGISTER FOR ONLY 700 HOMESTEADS

MASS ATTACK BY KAISER'S FORCES BREAKS UNDER FIRE OF FRENCH

Assaulting Columns Hurled Back Along Entire Front, Says Official Report From Paris Sources.

WAVES OF ASSAILANTS MEET STORM OF SHOT

Tentons Succeed in Gaining Position on Butte de Tahure but Are Bloodily Repulsed Everywhere Else.

TURKS CLAIM TO HAVE TORPEDOED SLAV WARSHIP

Story Denied by Russian Admiralty Immediately Following Bombardment of Varna by Czar's Fleet.

REBELS CLAIM CAPTURE OF OVER 1,200 FRENCHMEN

Paris, Oct. 31 (via London, 7 p. m.)—The capture of over 1,200 Frenchmen by the rebels in the north of France, according to the official statement issued by the French war office today.

POPE'S INTERVENTION SAVES BELGIAN'S LIFE

Brussels, Oct. 31 (via London, 7 p. m.)—According to Belgian reports, it appears that the pope, at the request of the Belgian government, has asked Emperor William to delay the execution of Joseph de Hamptone, aged 24 years of Ghent. The application is believed to have been granted, but the reports state the German authorities executed the eldest brother of M. de Hamptone, who was created a count by Pope Leo.

LADY ABERDEEN IS WELCOMED IN FRISCO

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Lady Aberdeen, who welcomed an ovation at San Francisco today, was the wife of a distinguished statesman, the Earl of Aberdeen, formerly lord lieutenant of Ireland who accompanied her, but as one of the world's most effective women workers. She came here to preside over the opening of the International Congress of Women, which is the principal object of the congress at which members of international bodies are to take part.

INVADERS CLOSE IN ON SERBIANS; ONE SMALL STRIP LEFT FOR ESCAPE

Montenegrins Offer Desperate Resistance to Advance of Powerful Austrian Column; Fighting Is Bloody.

ANGLO-FRENCH TROOPS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

Allies Begin General Offensive in France, Italy and Russia Where Great Battles Are Now Raging Continuously.

STRIKERS BOYCOTT EL PASO NEWSPAPER

El Paso, Ariz., Oct. 31.—Pickets were placed today about one of the best patronized business establishments here because the proprietor had announced he would continue to sell the El Paso newspaper which had printed what was alleged to have been an untrue statement about the strike of the miners in the Clifton-Morenci-Morenci copper district.

BLANCHE WALSH, THE NOTED ACTRESS, DIES

Los Angeles, Oct. 31.—Blanche Walsh, the well-known actress, died tonight in a hospital where she was taken two weeks ago for an illness which required an operation. Miss Walsh's refusal to accept an operation, she died. After she went under the knife she collapsed and was brought back to the hospital here. In private life she was Mrs. William H. Travers.

GARRISON PLANS MORE FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD

State Organizations May Receive Double Federal Assistance Hereafter, or May Join Proposed Reserves.

GERMANS WIN AND LOSE ON WEST FRONT

Berlin, Oct. 31 (via London, 7 p. m.)—The storming of height No. 192 in the Champagne district and the capture of about 1,200 yards of French trenches in the Attire region was announced officially today. More than 1,400 prisoners were taken and four machine guns captured.

SERBS ADMIT LOSS OF STRONG POSITIONS

Paris, Oct. 31 (via London, 7 p. m.)—Confirmation of the capture of Ploet by the Bulgarians is contained in an official statement by the Serbian war office, issued under date of October 28 and received here today as follows.

"Serbian fighting is continuing on the Mlava front while the Tripak army is taking up a new position in the rear."

The army defending Ploet was compelled to withdraw behind this city.

The enemy after fierce attacks by numerous columns, succeeded in capturing the heights of Kretschik.

"On the northwest front, the enemy, profiting by the superior number of some kilometers to the south of Sval-

The presence of new Bavarian